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Mr. Jeffery Zelms, President
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Dear Mr. Zelms:

I understand that you met last week with my state departments of Natural Resources, Health and Senior Services, together with the Missouri Attorney General's Office and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I was disappointed to hear that no significant progress was made at that meeting. While I understand that Doe Run disagrees with some of the positions taken by my departments, I believe that we have reached a point where significant action is necessary.

We cannot study this issue any longer before acting on the information we already have. With nearly half of the children tested who are under six years of age and currently living east of Highway 61 having elevated blood levels, it is clear that we have a health crisis. The time for study is over. Now it is time for action.

I call on Doe Run to be a responsible member of the community and initiate the following steps at once:

- Separate the people from the contamination until a cleanup is complete and you have ensured that no harmful exposure to lead will occur in the future;
- Clean up the contamination in the city of Herculaneum so that it remains a viable community;
- And drastically reduce emissions from all sources so that the present rates of recontamination are dramatically reduced.

Because I know that you share my deep interest in resolving this situation as quickly as possible, I expect your complete cooperation in addressing these issues and working with Missouri state agencies and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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I will commit members of my staff to work with you and my state agencies to immediately resolving the outstanding issues to ensure that we can move ahead without any further delay. To ensure that this process begins immediately, I have requested that the Department of Natural Resources convene a meeting in which my staff will participate. I look forward to finding a rapid solution to this extremely important situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Holden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Bob Holden
Governor

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Holden Calls on Doe Run Co. to Take Action on Lead Contamination in Herculaneum

JEFFERSON CITY – Gov. Bob Holden today called on the Doe Run Co. to take immediate action to clean up lead contamination in Herculaneum, where a study by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services found that 45 percent of children under age 6 living near the smelter and 28 percent of children in surrounding communities have elevated blood lead levels.

"We cannot study this issue any longer before acting on the information we already have," Holden said in a letter to Doe Run President Jeffery Zelms. "With nearly half of the children tested who are under 6 years of age and currently living east of Highway 61 having elevated blood levels, it is clear that we have a health crisis. The time for study is over. Now it is time for action."

Calling on Doe Run to be a responsible member of the community, Holden said the company must immediately separate the affected residents from the contamination until a cleanup is complete and the company ensures no harmful exposure to lead will occur in the future.

Doe Run must clean up the contamination in Herculaneum so that the town remains a viable community, he said. The governor also called on Doe Run to drastically reduce emissions from all sources so that recontamination rates are dramatically reduced.

"Because I know that you share my deep interest in resolving this situation as quickly as possible, I expect your complete cooperation in addressing these issues and working with Missouri state agencies and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," Holden wrote.

He added: "While I understand that Doe Run disagrees with some of the positions taken by my departments, I believe that we have reached a point where significant action is necessary. ... I look forward to finding a rapid solution to this extremely important situation."

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